

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 439

By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ashley Laughlin, 2005
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Laughlin is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Laughlin has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ashley Laughlin has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a stellar scholar, Ashley Laughlin is a valuable member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, Interact, the Art Club, SADD, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, and the newspaper staff; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, Ashley lettered all four years as a member of the varsity soccer team and earned All-District honors on two occasions; she has also played indoor soccer, Olympic development soccer, and club soccer; her club soccer team recently won the state championship; and

WHEREAS, renowned for her affinity for hard work and her tremendous self-discipline, she was her school's nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award and the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades during her high school career; she has been named to the National Honor Roll and has received the TSSAA Award of Merit, the TSSAA Distinguished Scholastic Achievement Award, the Coach's Award and the Spanish I Award; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has also been honored as a Proffitt's Academic Achiever and a Super Severian and received the Senior Soccer Superlative; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Laughlin expresses her devout faith as a member of the Catholic Church and its youth organization; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Ashley volunteers her time and considerable talents in support of several worthy charitable and civic causes and raises puppies to serve as guide dogs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Laughlin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college this fall and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, this gifted student will attend Colorado School of Mines through the auspices of an academic scholarship, an athletic scholarship, and the J. Pritchard Barnes Memorial Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ron and Lisa Laughlin, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Laughlin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that Ashley Laughlin, 2005 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, is hereby honored and commended on her impressive academic achievement. We extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.